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1. FOLLOWING ITEM APPEARED IN DEC 14 POST COURIER.

QUOTE TWELVE SCIENTISTS WERE AMONG MANY VISITORS ABOARD
THE RUSSIAN SHIP KALISTRO WHICH VISITED LAE RECENTLY.

THE SCIENTISTS, FROM THE FAR EAST RESEARCH CENTRE OF THE
USSR ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, WERE STUDYING ECOLOGY OF SMALL
ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC.

AMONG THE GROUP WHICH WAS HEADED BY DR BADENKOV WERE TWO
BOTANISTS.

THE BOTANIST WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF FORESTS IN LAE, MR EDWARD
HENTY, SAID THIS WAS THE RUSSIANS' FIRST STOP OUT OF THE
USSR.

MR HENTY SAID PNG IS TOO LARGE AN ISLAND FOR THEIR STUDY
BUT THE SCIENTISTS WOULD LIKE TO LOOK AT SMALLER ISLANDS
IN PNG.

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HE SAID DURING THEIR THREE DAY STAY IN LAE, THE GROUP VISITED THE LAE BOTANICAL GARDENS, THE BULOLO FORESTRY COLLEGE AND THE WAU ECOLOGY INSTITUTE.

THEY COLLECTED SOME SOIL, WATER, ANIMAL AND PLANT SAMPLES, MR HENTY SAID.

HE SAID THE RUSSIANS WERE VERY IMPRESSED AT THE MODERNISATION OF PNG AS THEY ALWAYS THOUGHT PNG WAS A VIRGIN COUNTRY, OR UNTOUCHED BY DEVELOPMENT.

THE KALISTRO LEFT ON THURSDAY FOR TAGULA ISLAND OFF MISIMA IN THE MILNE BAY PROVINCE WHERE THE SCIENTISTS WILL CARRY OUT SOME RESEARCH WORK, MR HENTY SAID.

AFTER VISITING THE MISIMA ISLANDS, THE KALISTRO WILL GO ON TO THE SOLOMONS, NEW HEBRIDES, SAMOA AND SOME OTHER SMALLER ISLANDS IN THE PACIFIC. UNQUOTE
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